

Ford expects to win on first ballot

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Aug. 13, (R). — President Ford expects to win the Republican Party's nomination next week on the first ballot with five votes to spare, one of his senior campaign advisers said today.

James Baker, whose job is to keep count of delegate support for the president, said his tally showed Mr. Ford had 1,135 votes committed to him on the first ballot — and in the unlikely event of a second ballot he did not expect more than nine delegates switching from the president.

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Sismik 1 to return to port Sunday for refuelling

ANKARA, Aug. 13, (R). — Sismik 1, the Turkish oil exploration ship at the centre of a Greek-Turkish crisis over Aegean seabed mineral rights, will make a routine return to port on Sunday after 10 days at sea, it was announced here today. Energy Minister Selahattin Kiliç said the seismological survey ship would put into the Aegean port of Izmir for refuelling and to take on fresh supplies.

Greece last night asked the United Nations to order Turkey to call off marine prospecting in Aegean Sea zones which Greece claims as part of its continental shelf.

Greek Foreign Minister Dimitri Bitsios was the first speaker at a United Nations Security Council meeting convened at the request of the Athens government to discuss the Greco-Turkish dispute in the Aegean.

He warned that with naval and air units of both countries present in the area, and with tension likely to increase, "a mere accident might suffice to lose control of the situation."

Mr. Bitsios said he was not asking the Security Council to rule on the subject of sovereignty over the continental shelf, since Greece had brought that question before the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

He was rather asking the council to decide whether the prospecting activities of the Turkish survey vessel Sismik 1 "are provocative and constitute a danger for peace."

Turkish Ambassador İter Turkmen replied briefly, pending the arrival today of Turkish Foreign Minister İhsan Sabri Caglayangil.

Mr. Turkmen rejected the Greek thesis and denounced "the harassment by Greek forces of an unarmed Turkish research ship operating outside Greek continental waters."

The Security Council was to resume debate on the Aegean question Friday at 19.00 GMT.

Death, scavengers are masters of the situation in Tal Al-Zaatar

BEIRUT, Aug. 13, (R). — The stench of death hung over Tal Al-Zaatar today as looters moved in to scavenge among the shattered ruins of the fallen Palestinian refugee camp. Two mechanical excavators rumbled through the ruins of the refugee camp today, scooping up heaps of corpses in their huge shovels. Dozens upon dozens of corpses lay sprawled on the ground there. It was impossible to count them, because many lie behind the shell-shattered walls of houses. There are bodies of men, to be sure, but also the corpses of women and children.

Today, clouds of flies swarmed over the lifeless bodies of men and youths that lay along the edge of a pathway behind several demolished buildings into Dekwaneh, a quarter that has for long been controlled by the Christian rightwing. Most had been gunned down on Thursday morning when they poured out of the camp as it fell. According to one resident, they were exhorted to leave by a loudspeaker set up by rightwing militiamen.

A few bursts of automatic fire or the occasional thudding rhythm of a heavy machine-gun meant that it was necessary to make detours from time to time. But most of the camp was today occupied by rightwing militiamen or by civilian looters poking among the debris seeking anything worth carrying away.

The fighting appeared to be over at Tal Al-Zaatar.

Both rightwing and leftwing radio stations reported, however, that a number of Palestinian fighting men were still inside the camp.

Red Cross workers on the spot said the camp was evacuated in an atmosphere of "unspeakable hatred" and the PLO representative in Geneva Dawud Barakat charged that "eye-witnesses saw Phalangist troops sort men out and shoot the youngest ones."

Two Palestinian doctors who had worked in the camp accused the victorious rightist forces of killing 60 of their nurses after their medical team left the camp following its fall yesterday.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Labadi and Dr. Youssef Iraki told a press conference that the nurses were killed after leaving the Palestinian camp yesterday following its fall to rightist forces.

Dr. Iraki said he was with 10 nurses, male and female, as they made their way towards leftist-held west Beirut.

Dr. Iraki said he was helped by a Syrian officer and taken into an

office, but the nurses "were taken two by two. Then I heard very loud machinegun fire and screams, then nothing."

A similar fate had befallen the remaining 50 nurses, the doctors said.

Mr. Jean Hoefliger, chief representative of the International Red Cross here said later he knew that at least 10 nurses had been killed and the 50 others had disappeared.

The doctors said about 60,000 shells had landed on Tal Al-Zaatar during its 52 days of bombardment by rightists.

About 2,000 people died and 3,000 were wounded in the siege, the doctors said.

Three girls from one family were killed on three consecutive days by sniper fire as they went to collect water from one of the camp's wells, they added.

The doctors said nurses were often killed or wounded by sniping as they made their way to the camp hospital.

They estimated that 300 of the camp's occupants died in yesterday's rightist attack which finally led to the camp's fall.

Mr. Hoefliger said he had been in touch with rightist leaders over the fate of prisoners taken yesterday.

All Palestinian men between 16 and 40 years old had been taken, he said.

Mr. Jean Hoefliger, chief representative of the Red Cross, estimated that 6,000 people had left the Palestinian camp yesterday when a final rightist assault captured it after a 52-day siege.

As the camp's population streamed through rightist lines, most of the men were taken away sep-



CAMP PICTURE — The picture is of the Palestinian refugee camp of Tal Al-Zaatar which was overrun by rightist forces on Thursday. The picture was made available from the rightwing forces. (AP wirephoto).

arately. Some were later handed over to the Arab League envoy, others have been held prisoner and the fate of the rest remained unknown.

Red Cross rescue teams found no wounded persons or civilians today in the Palestinian Tal Al-Zaatar refugee camp.

The ICRC was trying to locate and regroup camp inhabitants who might have entered the surrounding rightwing held areas, and were trying to evacuate them to leftist-controlled west Beirut, the spokesman said.

A major Red Cross concern now was to secure humanitarian treatment of people who might have been taken prisoner by the rightists, but co-ordinates of numbers involved were yet available, he added.

According to ICRC delegates in Beirut, 5,000 to 8,000 civilians are

thought to have fled from the camp to leftist-held parts of the city, the spokesman said.

Dany Chamoun, commander of the rightwing National Liberal Party (NLP) militia, said today he estimated over 2,000 people had died in the camp during the siege.

He said the losses suffered by his militia, one of the main fighting groups on the rightist side, were 83 dead and 205 wounded. He estimated the number of fighters inside the camp had been around 1,200 and said they had been assisted by Soviet munitions technicians who had helped them manufacture recoilless rifles and small arms.

Mr. Chamoun, who was patrolling a partly-destroyed factory to stop looters stealing industrial equipment, said that with the capture of Tal Al-Zaatar the rightists had completed clearing a large area of hostile gunmen.

In the past 40 days, he said, the Palestinian camps of Tal Al-Zaatar and nearby Jisr Al-Basha had been taken, together with the Moslem quarter of Nahaa — all [Continued on page 6]

Israel considers slingshots deadly?

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13, (R). — Israeli security forces will be entitled to open fire on Arab youths using catapults or slingshots during demonstrations under new proposals before the government, officials said today.

The proposals follow the reported use by Arab youths of sharp steel pellets which can penetrate police safety helmets and shields during protest demonstrations, especially in the occupied West Bank.

As verbal diatribes continue Egypt-Libya feud culminates in threat of war

CAIRO, Aug. 13, (R). — Egypt has built up its military forces along the border facing Libya, official Egyptian sources said today, raising the stakes in the increasingly bitter feud between the two former allies. The sources confirmed a report in today's Al-Ahram newspaper which spoke of tanks, infantry, paratroopers and air defence units moving up to the border.

Other sources said that at least some leaves in the armed forces had been cancelled.

Reports of the deployment have circulated in Cairo for some weeks and were referred to by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi in a verbal attack against Egypt last month.

Al-Ahram said the deployment was aimed at thwarting saboteurs which it said Libya was training on the Libyan side of the border for operations here.

The newspaper, which takes its cue from the government on all major issues, said the Soviet Union was helping Libya mount the operations in Egypt.

Egypt and Libya are still nominally linked along with Syria in a federation but relations between the two neighbours have nose-dived in recent months.

Egyptian officials blamed Libya for two bomb blasts in a government office complex last Sunday which wounded 14 people, including

ing the man planting the charges. President Anwar Sadat publicly refers to Colonel Qadhafi as "Libya's mad man," a phrase repeated daily in the Egyptian press.

Colonel Qadhafi has said Libya will sever ties with Egypt on September 1, unless Egypt changes its attitude.

In a fresh attack on the Libyan leader, President Anwar Sadat today warned the entire Arab World to be on its guard against Libya and said mercenaries were being trained there to invade Sudan, Chad, Tunisia and Egypt.

"Qadhafi's file is in our hands," the Egyptian leader told the Kuwait newspaper Al-Sayassah, according to the official Middle East News Agency (MENA).

In his interview, President Sadat told Al-Sayassah there were three camps in Libya, training mercenaries to "invade Sudan, Chad and Tunisia... there is also a fourth camp set up for Egypt and we have the names of all those working in it."

Mr. Sadat said he was making these disclosures in order to put Arab governments on their guard "particularly as Soviet weapons are pouring into Libya."

Hebron Mayor says:

West Bankers will not be appeased, strike will go on

AMMAN, Aug. 13, (AFP & Al-Rai). — Traders on the occupied West Bank will continue their two-week struggle against a value-added tax imposed by Israeli authorities, Fahed Qawasmeh, Mayor of Hebron said in two interviews here today, one with the Jordan Times' sister newspaper Al-Rai and the other carried by Agence France Presse.

Yesterday Israel proposed concessions which Mr. Qawasmeh today called "totally insufficient." Israel proposed that the eight per cent tax would apply only to businesses in the occupied territory with a capital of more than 500,000 Israeli pounds (\$60,000).

Mr. Qawasmeh is visiting the East Bank with four other Hebron councillors for the first time since

his election last spring. One of his aims, he said, was to seek aid from Arab countries.

Mr. Qawasmeh commented that Israeli laws should not apply to the occupied territory "in any case," as it wished to remain under Jordanian law.

One of his delegation also marked that yesterday's Israel proposal was explained as much by the dissatisfaction of Israeli traders, who could themselves begin an eight-day strike against similar value-added tax next Monday, as by protest strikes by West Bank traders.

Mr. Qawasmeh said that the economy of the West Bank was going from bad to worse despite Israeli claims to the contrary. It is, he explained, was due to rising taxation, creeping currency devaluation and soaring inflation. Large scale unemployment had resulted, he said.

The Israelis were not doing anything to improve the situation, he added, because they hoped this would serve as an incentive for Arabs to leave the West Bank. West Bank municipal councils will not be allowed to speak at the plenary session.

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Cape Town "tense but quiet" after 29 deaths

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 13, (R). — The African townships of Cape Town, latest trouble spot in South Africa's wave of black unrest, were reported calm tonight after two days of violence that claimed 29 lives. A police spokesman said there had been minor isolated incidents and described the situation as "tense but quiet."

Demonstrators tried to set fire to two buildings in Nyanga township but police said damage was minor compared to the previous two days of violence in which scores of government buildings were burned down and 100 Africans injured, many seriously.

A senior police officer said about seven of the Cape Town dead were not the victims of police bullets. But he declined to say whether the others had been killed by police.

Of today's trouble in Nyanga, a spokesman said "attempts were made to set a clinic and a recreation hall alight, but the crowds were not too large and were dispersed before any serious damage could be done."

Police said 82 people had been arrested in Cape Town's three townships since the wave of protest broke out on Wednesday.

Earlier today, it was disclosed that extra police had been flown to Cape Town from Johannesburg. Johannesburg's Soweto township, scene of last June's eruption in which 176 people died, remained quiet today, but school principals said mass absenteeism by pupils continued.

Several schools reported attendances as low as 10 per cent.

At Pietersburg, 180 miles (300 kms) north of Johannesburg students in two black townships set fire to three schools. Police said a number of youths were detained and others wounded in skirmishes with police patrols.

At Weenen, near the southern port of Durban, a crowd of black youths attempted to burn down a township beer hall and school. Police said they dispersed the crowd and damage to the two buildings was slight.

Foreign Minister Hilgard Muller told a political meeting in Durban that South Africa's international position would never be completely normal until it had solved its race problems satisfactorily in the eyes of the world.

Addressing a conference of the ruling National Party, he said South Africa's critics had seized on the unrest to "create a climate of fear, of disastrous confrontation between black and white in South Africa and consequently of uncertainty about the whites' future in our country."

He said the policy of separate development — apartheid — provided a solution to South Africa's racial problems and every effort should be made to apply it properly.

Until that happened, South Africa's enemies would continue to attack the country, the foreign minister said.

Non-Aligned F.M.s Conference asked to act against Israel

COLOMBO, Aug. 13, (Agencies). — Arab delegations today denied reports they had launched a move here to get the United Nations General Assembly to deprive Israel of its seat in the U.N. Representatives of the Arab group here emphasized that the group's meeting on Thursday evening stood by the terms of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by non-aligned foreign ministers in Lima in August 1975.

The reports of an appeal to the U.N. General Assembly to bar Israel were based on a prepared statement released by a Palestinian source to journalists covering the Non-Aligned Conference here.

Deputy director Said Kamal of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) later confirmed, however that the resolution adopted here by Arab ministers on the Middle East matched that of Lima.

This resolution seeks to increase all means of pressure on Israel including that of depriving Israel of its membership status (of the U.N.).

The Philippines, Portugal and Romania — all full members of military alliances — were today admitted as "guests" of the non-aligned movement.

The three countries were granted guest status under a compromise formula worked out at the Non-Aligned Conference here after a lengthy debate on whether their association would breach the movement's rules.

Portugal is a member of NATO, while the Philippines belongs to



FIRST TO ARRIVE — President Tito of Yugoslavia is greeted by President and Mrs. Gopallawa of Sri Lanka as he arrived at the airport in Colombo Friday to attend the Non-Aligned Summit Conference. (AP wirephoto).

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Scant commentaries appeared Friday in the Jordanian papers. Al Shaab, however, speculated on what the Arab position might be at the non-aligned summit due to open in Colombo, Sri Lanka on August 16.

The paper says if Arab leaders go to Colombo just to put in an appearance, then that is none of our business... If they go to win more support for the Arab issue and to embrace other just issues of the world, then we have our own remarks and reservations to make...

When the Arab leaders head for Colombo, they will be leaving behind them blazing fires and deep discord engulfing the whole Arab World which is bound to weaken the general Arab position in international arenas and divest them of the required ability to influence international currents...

"In order to avoid embarrassment, would it not be much better taken by these Arab leaders to delegate outside their foreign ministers or any other representatives to Colombo?" the paper asks.

Just for the sake of example, the paper adds, President Sadat might find himself face to face with Colonel Qadhafi... "Will each of them turn a cold shoulder to the other, or will they come forward and start shaking hands, hugging and kissing?"

"If they shook hands it would be a comedy... If they didn't, it would be a travesty of a comedy..."

The Colombo conference, Al Shaab says, is a historic opportunity for Arab leaders to exchange viewpoints with a host of Third World leaders with regard to the establishment of good relations and to opening new vistas for fruitful cooperation. In such meetings, it is required that Arab leaders appear as one solid bloc and take one single stand. "But if they are ushered in with a discordant note, their presence will do no good and their participation will be of no value," Al Shaab states.

Tall Hesban expedition uncovers 2,700 year history of valuable archaeological site

By Kaye Barton
Special to the Jordan Times

Last Wednesday, August 11th marked the close of live seasons of excavation at Tall Hesban, 26 kilometres southwest of Amman. This ended the field work for an international scientific project which must observers and participants term very successful.

The Hesban Archaeological Expedition, sponsored by several American universities, has dug at Tall Hesban during five of the past 11 summers. About 200 foreigners have travelled to Jordan to take part in the excavations at Hesban, many of them returning season after season. A total of approximately 40 Jordanians have served as members of the supervisory staff, with hundreds of local labourers hired.

More than 25 countries have been represented on the staff, from the North and South American, the European and the Asian continents. Staff members have also travelled from Australia and New Zealand.

Specialists from a wide variety of scientific disciplines and technical fields have joined the expedition each season. In addition to the students and teachers of biblical and near eastern history, there are representatives of zoology, geology and botany, as well as architects and surveyors, artists and photographers on the staff.

They have come together in Jordan to apply their expertise to a common project, the excavation and interpretation of a site which has been occupied more or less continuously for over 3,000 years, with a modern village scattered at the base of the ancient mound.

Biblical records, dating from approximately 1200 to 600 B.C. refer to the site as Hesban, thus providing the expedition with its name. Greek and Roman historical records from the second century B.C. to the seventh century A.D. call it Esbus, and for the past thousand years it has been known by its Arabic name, Hesban.

Excavation started at Hesban in 1968 under the directorship of Siegfried H. Horn, from Andrews University (AU), Berrien Springs, Michigan. AU has been the primary sponsor throughout the five seasons, assisted by the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Dr. Horn served again as director for the 1971 and 1973 seasons. Lawrence T. Geraty, also from AU, assumed the position in 1974 and continued as director for this summer's final season of digging.

Dr. Geraty indicated that the highlights of the expedition have fallen into three categories: the stratigraphic and architectural excavation; the small artifact discoveries; and the historical and scientific information compiled.

"When we began excavating at Hesban, all that we knew about

it came from a few literary sources," he remarked. "Now by dating the pottery and coins which we found there, we know that there was almost continuous occupation from the Iron Age through the Mamluk period," representing a span of about 2,700 years.

"We learned that Esbus was an important but peripheral city of the Roman Empire," he stated, and indicated that the knowledge of the Roman and Byzantine periods was greatly expanded by the excavation of the tombs near the Tal.

Dr. Geraty said that about 4,000 objects were found, "providing a cross-section of items one would expect to find in daily use in ancient times." Among the most numerous finds were coins, pottery lamps, beads, loom weights and implements made of bone, iron, bronze and stone. Twelve ostraca were found in the Greek, Ammonite, and Aramaic scripts.

Among the significant architectural features unearthed on the site, Dr. Geraty listed a Hellenistic perimeter wall on the acropolis, a Byzantine church, an Islamic bath complex, a Roman tower and a late Roman stairway to a temple on the acropolis.

"Visitors are often intrigued by the 'rolling stone tomb' found to the southwest of the tal, similar to the burial place of Jesus," he said. He also listed a reservoir which may be the "pools of Hesban" referred to in the Song of Songs in the Bible.

Some of the most noteworthy benefits of the expedition have been in the educational realm, according to Dr. Geraty. "A number of the current employees of the Department of Antiquities received their training in field work with the Hesban expedition. Much of the methodology and recording technique now in use by the Department have been adopted from Hesban procedures. So Hesban has been a unique educational venture for Jordan as well as for the foreign teams," he stated.

Staff members agree that the educational experience has been a mutual one. Effort has been made

to provide tours and lectures that expose the foreigners with the exciting history of the site. During this season, weekend tours were regularly scheduled, giving staff members the opportunity to visit Aqaba, Petra, Jerash, Um Al Jamal, Kerak, the Desert Castles, the Amman Citadel, and Um Qeis, among others.

The season's lecturers have included Suleiman Musa, advisor to the Ministry of Culture; Assem Borghouti, director of the excavations at Jerash; U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering; George Thompson, public affairs officer for the United States Information Service; and James Sauer, director of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, and member of the Hesban staff. Several other staff members also lectured on their professional specialties.

Dr. Sauer has served as the chief ceramic typologist with the expedition, examining all pottery found and identifying them according to archaeological periods, such as Bronze Age, Iron Age, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic, with sub-categories in each period. It is possible for him to make this identification because a "ceramic typology" has been established for East Bank sites since the Hesban excavation started in 1966. Dating of a stratum or architectural feature in this region can now be accomplished by analysing the type of pottery associated with it.

Dr. Geraty indicated that another important contribution was made by the area survey team led by Robert Ibach, Jr. By using topographic maps and systematically covering every hill within a 10-kilometre radius of Hesban, 155 sites have been discovered by the area survey team.

This season, the team's territory was expanded beyond the original 10-kilometre limit, and extended towards Amman, between Na'ur and Al Yaduda. Thirty new sites were found in 1976. Ibach listed two of the most pro-

minent of the sites as Jalul and Tal Al Umeiri, because of their occupation from the Early Bronze Age to the middle of the Iron Age.

According to Dr. Geraty, another highlight of the expedition was the cooperation between the various scientific specialists on the staff. When the dig was visited by Dr. Edward F. Campbell, vice-president of the American Schools of Oriental Research, he commended the "cross-disciplinary approach" taken by the Hesban staff, and called it "bridge-building between specialists."

Many archaeologists are concluding that their research can be aided by utilising the expertise of natural scientists from

various disciplines, such as the geologist and physical anthropologists on the Hesban staff. There are sometimes logistical and professional problems in correlating these various fields, but Dr. Campbell indicated that the experimentation with this approach done at Hesban has been "exemplary."

Most observers would agree that at a geologist has an obvious place on an archaeological expedition, because similarities between the two disciplines are readily apparent. Dr. Campbell called the geologist "the single most important person to add to the staff," after the archaeologists themselves.

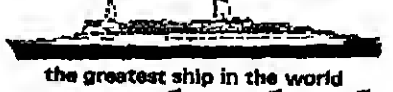
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This apparent cave is a part of an underground cistern complex uncovered at Hesban. The absence of any natural water supply made necessary the extensive use of reservoirs and cisterns, many of which were excavated during the five seasons of digging.

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Iraqi dinar	942.0	932.0
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9.30 Reportage	

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9.45 Dubai, Karachi	12.00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
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7.30	News bulletin
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1.03	Pop session (part II)
2.00	News bulletin
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U.S. delegate hinders food debates with challenge to Vietnam membership of FAO

MANILA, Aug. 13, (AFP). — Debate over Vietnam's membership overshadowed debates on food scarcity in Asia at the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) regional conference here yesterday.

The United States touched off the political clash when it questioned Vietnam's participation in the meeting and drew immediate protests from the Vietnamese and Chinese delegations who said Vietnam's status as full delegate was beyond dispute.

Sri Lanka and Pakistan backed the Vietnamese position while the Philippines said the presence of delegations representing differing political systems showed that food "knows no political bounding." The membership dispute occurred during the penultimate day of plenary session of the FAO regional conference on Asia and the Pacific East which is discussing means of boosting food production and improving the conditions of Asia's millions of small farmers. Delegates from more than 20 countries are attending the meeting.

Vietnam was invited to the meeting by the Philippines which has formal diplomatic ties with it since last month.

U.S. delegate Max I. Wichter, deputy executive director for International Organisation Affairs, the Agriculture Department, said he would reserve his vote on Vietnam's membership, saying the issue was still undecided.

Cancer probability increases when relatives have it

CHICAGO, Aug. 13, (AFP). — The probability of a person being stricken by cancer increases with the number of his relatives who have had the disease, a medical study has reported.

An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a Dr. Henry Lynch stressed that support researches at Creighton University, "Menominee, Nebraska, had found that the propensity to cancer rises in proportion to the number of relatives already afflicted.

When researchers examined more than 10,000 people, the research team discovered that 8.9 per cent of the subjects with one cancer-stricken relative developed the disease. The proportion rose to 16.2 per cent among those with two cancer-stricken relatives and to 27.4 per cent among those with three.

The report did not take skin cancer into account. The article said that three million Americans live in families of which three or more members have cancer, and 13 million in families with two or more cancer victims.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, (R). — The world's population has grown by 75 per cent in the past 25 years and is approaching 4,000 million by the end of last year, according to U.S. Commerce department.

In 1950, a department report there were 2,543 million people in the world — nearly a quarter of them Chinese — but the figure had grown to an estimated 3,996 million.

China's share, still the largest, dropped to just over 21 per cent, or 843 million, followed by India's 615 million people (15.4 per cent).

Europe showed the sharpest slump, falling from a 15.4 per cent share in 1950 to just 11.9 per cent in 1975, and North America dropped slightly from 6.5 per cent to 6.3 per cent.

Asia, excluding India and China, accounted in 1975 for 18 per cent of the world's population (in 1950 it was 15.2 per cent), the survey said. Africa's share rose from 8.6 per cent, and Latin America from 5.5 to 7.1 per cent.

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The U.S. delegation said that agricultural production in the next 5 years was a "tremendous task" in the face of rising population.

While the U.S. may be able to double its production, the American delegation said, "there is no assurance that we can, if the rest of the world cannot—it is as serious for us as it is for the rest of the world."

Based on July production estimates, the U.S. delegation said, total American wheat harvest was expected to set a new record this fall.

French U.S. firms to build new airliner

TOULOUSE, Southwest France, Aug. 13, (AFP). — A Franco-American link-up for joint development of a new medium-range airliner was announced here yesterday by Marcel Cavaille, French state secretary for transport.

He said a preliminary agreement had been signed by the U.S. group McDonnell-Douglas Corp. and two French firms, the state-owned Aerospatiale (Snias), constructors of the supersonic airliner Concorde, and the private Dassault group.

Mr. Cavaille said McDonnell-Douglas had shown "a genuine readiness to cooperate... unlike its rival Boeing".

Boeing he added, "virtually has a monopoly on medium-haul airliners".

The aircraft to be developed by the Franco-American partners

Luck is a question of eight

CALIFORNIA, Aug. 13, (AFP). — After the birth on the eighth day of the eighth month of his eighth grandson, who weighed eight pounds eight ounces, a Californian petrol station attendant, Stan Gilbert, decided to push his luck further.

He betted \$8 on horse number eight in the eighth race.

The horse, "Today And Tomorrow", came in first and paid \$80 and 80 cents.

Stan spent his winnings on presents for the family.

Quake-proof capital may be built in Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 13, (AFP). — An experts' scheme for building an earthquake-proof auxiliary capital some 500 km (300 miles), from Tokyo will be submitted shortly to the government, it was reported here last week.

The city covering about 3,700 acres (about 8,320 hectares), would be situated on a man-made island in the inland sea off Osaka.

Estimated construction cost is 5,753,800 million yens (about \$191,700 million).

It would include government offices, universities, and businesses. Some 500,000 people would be transferred there from Tokyo.

If the government approves the plan, construction would begin in 1980, to be completed in time for the earthquake predicted in 1991 from studies of the 1923 earthquake that killed more than 100,000 persons in metropolitan Tokyo.

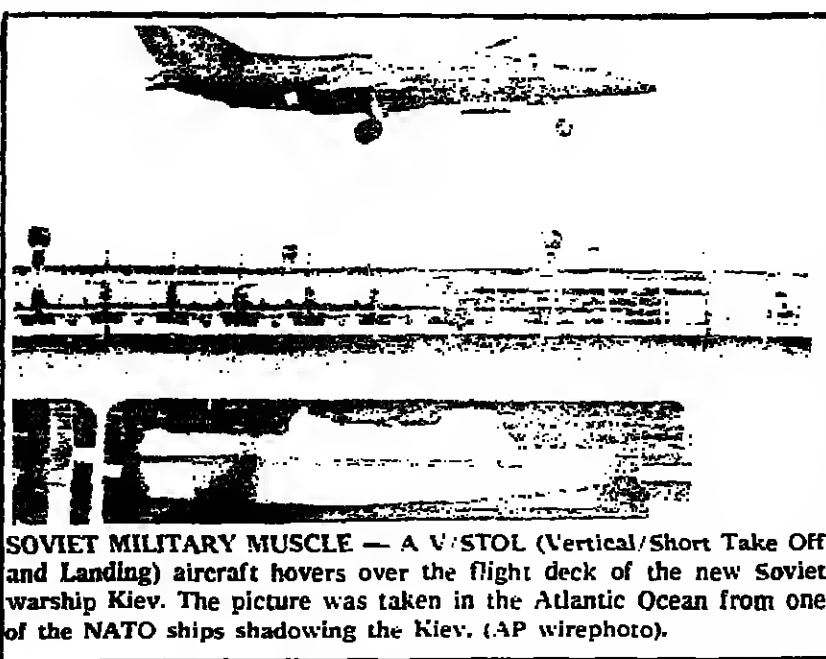
Hong Kong will sell Chinese petrol retail

HONG KONG Aug. 13, (R). — Petrol from China will be sold direct to motorists in Hong Kong for the first time later this month, it was announced last week.

It will be available at filling stations to be opened by the Far East Overseas Oil Company (FEOSCO), owned by two prominent leftwing Hong Kong businessmen.

A company spokesman said it expected to sell at first about 100,000 gallons (450,000 litres) of petrol and diesel oil from China every month. Prices will be about the same as those charged by the established western companies.

China has been selling oil to western oil companies in Hong Kong since 1973, but this is the first time that a retail outlet has been set up here.



SOVIET MILITARY MUSCLE — A V-STOL (Vertical/Short Take Off and Landing) aircraft hovers over the flight deck of the new Soviet warship Kiev. The picture was taken in the Atlantic Ocean from one of the NATO ships shadowing the Kiev. (AP wirephoto).

Japan warns of danger to economic growth in fresh price explosion

TOKYO, Aug. 13, (AFP). — The Japanese government Tuesday warned that a fresh price explosion was threatening economic growth.

In its annual white paper on economic trends, it stressed the need for renewed efforts to forestall further inflationary pressures and underpin the economic recovery.

It also said international cooperation was needed to avert a new bout of high world-wide inflation.

The government said higher Japanese imports could be a significant contribution to world trade expansion. It urged efforts to boost stagnant imports within a framework of international cooperation.

The white paper, prepared by the Economic Planning Agency, said Japanese exports had provided the main impetus for economic recovery after the recession which bottomed out in Japan in the first quarter of last year.

This was because of stagnant domestic demand and a slowdown

in plant and equipment investment.

The report, which urged Japanese companies to adjust to slower growth, warned that commodity prices were bound to increase.

It said a recent spurt of wholesale price increases raised fears of an early rise in consumer price levels. Against this background it was more than ever necessary to keep a close watch on money supply.

In a separate development, the prime minister's office said 1,040,000 workers were unemployed in Japan last June.

This was 2.06 per cent of the labour force on a seasonally-adjusted basis, compared with 2.04 per cent in May.

The unemployment figures had been showing a downward trend at the beginning of the year, but a slight upturn has been recorded since last April. Authorities link this with the slowness of the economic recovery, reflected in a slow rise in industrial output.

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Tall Hesban expedition uncovers 2,700 year history of valuable archaeological site

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For example, analysis of the geological material found near a site can contribute to the knowledge of an ancient culture's economy by indicating whether the architecture was constructed of native or imported materials. Staff member P. Edgar Hare, a geologist from Washington, D.C., is using specialised laboratory facilities at the Carnegie Institute to test the effect that various soil chemicals might have on bone materials unearthed.

But the Hesban staff has many natural scientists other than geologists. The American physi-

cal anthropologists Robert Little and Jim Stirling are concerned exclusively with human bones. They excavate skeletons both on the tal and in the tombs, and analyse skeletal remains. Dr. Little explains that much can be learned about ancient man in this way, by assessing the clues offered such as age at time of death, and often, the cause of death.

Oystein LaBianca is the expedition's principal investigator of anthropological and zoological evidence. A cultural ecologist, he considers the environmental factors with which ancient man had to deal as significant as the cultural and historical factors. His

emphasis at Hesban is on zooarchaeology, the study of ancient herd management and animal use, because he believes "one of the strongest ties between past and present, in terms of continuity, is animal use and management."

The zooarchaeologists study the animal bones retrieved during excavation. After they are processed and sorted, they often provide intriguing insights into man's environment a millennium or two ago. For example, two German osteologists on the staff, Joachim Boassneck and Angela van den Driesch, have suggested that some of the bones recovered this season belong to rare animals that exist in a radically different climate than prevails at Hesban today. According to LaBianca, this evidence "opens up interesting new avenues of enquiry."

The botanist contributes to line increases, new questions, uncoincided as yet, are likely to occur. The way the information is recorded and stored could determine its value to future research projects.

This problem occurs with the use of conventional computer systems as well as with human, manual processing of the information. The scientist's presuppositions regarding his data at the time the computer is programmed later limit the analytic questions he may ask the computer and the information he may retrieve. LaBianca refers to a unique computer system put together by another staff member, which is used to store, retrieve and analyse the cultural ecology data collected in the field.

Paul W. Perkins, from Concord, Massachusetts, argues for the "user-friendly" approach to the use of computers. His system allows the user great flexibility in retrieving data as his information needs become more clearly defined. It has unique capabilities which eliminate the need for constantly reprogramming the computer as new questions occur, and the need for a technical "middle-man" between the scientist and his computer-stored data.

"The sheer volume of information gathered in the field often obscures the patterns which may exist in the data," Perkins stated. Using his system, these patterns may later be easily isolated when the scientist has formulated the questions he wants to ask. Perkins refers to the use in Europe of the term "informatics" in place of "computer sciences." When pressed for a title he calls himself an "informatics consultant."

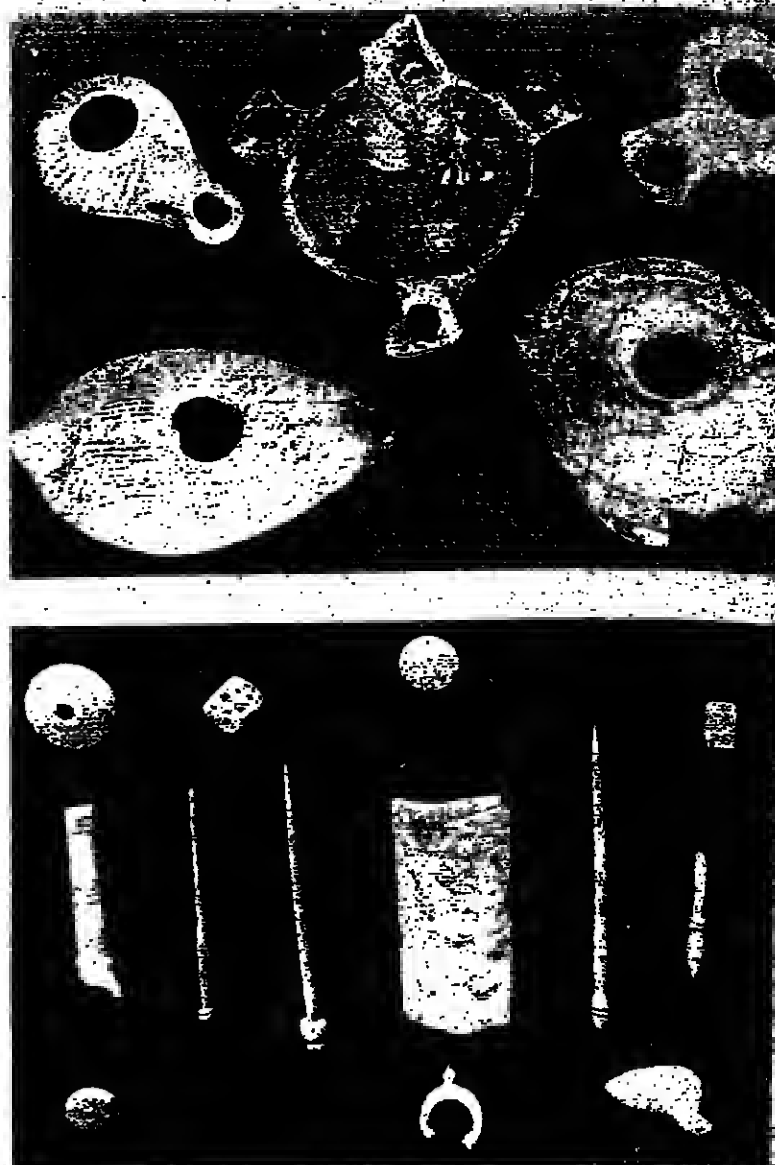
The 1976 Hesban staff, consisting of approximately 100 members, was housed at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) school in Madaba. During the previous seasons, headquarters have been in Amman: at the Seventh-Day Adventist School, at the American Community School, and at UNRWA's Amman Training Centre.

Using the school as a base for operations has enabled the staff to set up field laboratories in camp to increase the efficiency of the work done on the tal. Pottery and bone labs, a photographic dark room, and a drawing room for architects and surveyors were all set up in the Madaba school. Classrooms were used as dormitories and work/study areas, and the largest room was set aside as a dining room and kitchen.

Camp life involved a full schedule of activities from 5 a.m. to the 2200 "lights out." After eight hours of work on the tal and a short rest period, the evenings were filled with lab assignments and lectures, with a break most evenings for a brief volleyball game in the schoolyard.

"We have very positive feelings about our seasons of work here in Jordan," director Dr. Geraty stated. "Many people have contributed to the success of our expedition. We have several staff members who have been with us for all five seasons, including the original director Dr. Horn, our chief archaeologist Roger S. Borraas, our architect Bert DeVries, pottery registrar Hester Thompson, and chief cook Mohammed Adawi." He also mentioned several area supervisors who have returned for three and four seasons of work.

"A number of Jordanian people



These two photos depict typical objects found during excavation at Hesban. Most of these were common items in daily use during the time. About 20 lamps were found in 1976. Clockwise from top centre: a three spouted Herodian, a single spouted Herodian, a Mamluk, and a Hellenistic lamp. Among the items in the bottom photo are a zoomorphic gaming piece, dice, bone needles and in the centre, an ivory sculpture of Prometheus bound.

have made major contributions to our effort," he continued. He mentioned Prince Ra'ad and Prince Hassan for the inspiration they have provided and for the way they "facilitated our work logistically," the Nabulsi family, landowners at Hesban, whom he called "most cooperative" in allowing the expedition's work; Yacoub Oweis and Yousef Alami, director general and assistant director, respectively, of the Department of Antiquities; Mohammed and Mr. and Mrs. Issa H. Murshed Khadija, who has served as foreman of the dig for four seasons, and Mahmoud and Omar Tunis, inspectors of the Department of Antiquities cited them for their assistance in working out all problems.

Dr. Geraty also mentioned assistance given by the Friedland Archaeology, a local club offering support to expeditions in the area. "Members of this club such as Mr. and Mrs. Fencke, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Issa H. Murshed Khadija, who has served as foreman of the dig for four seasons," he stated.

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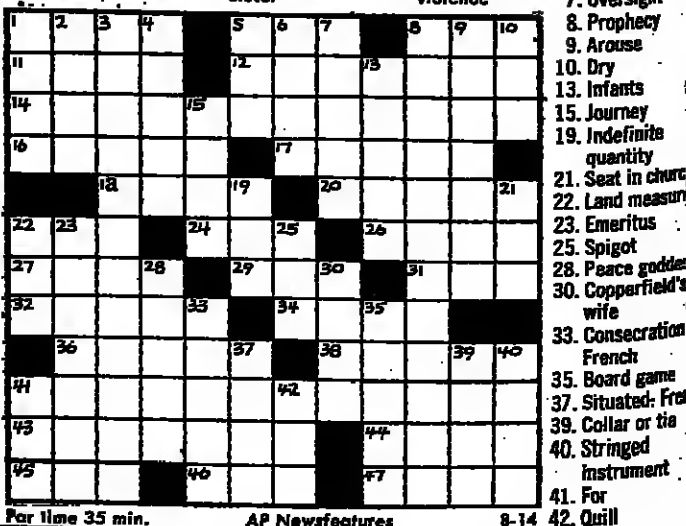
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14. Tony
16. Gist
17. Apocryphal book
18. Wife of Osiris
20. Vulcanize a tire
22. Orinoco tributary
24. Place
26. Position
27. Italian painter

DOWN
29. Unreasonable
31. Modern
32. Etoules
34. Hawaiian gooseberry
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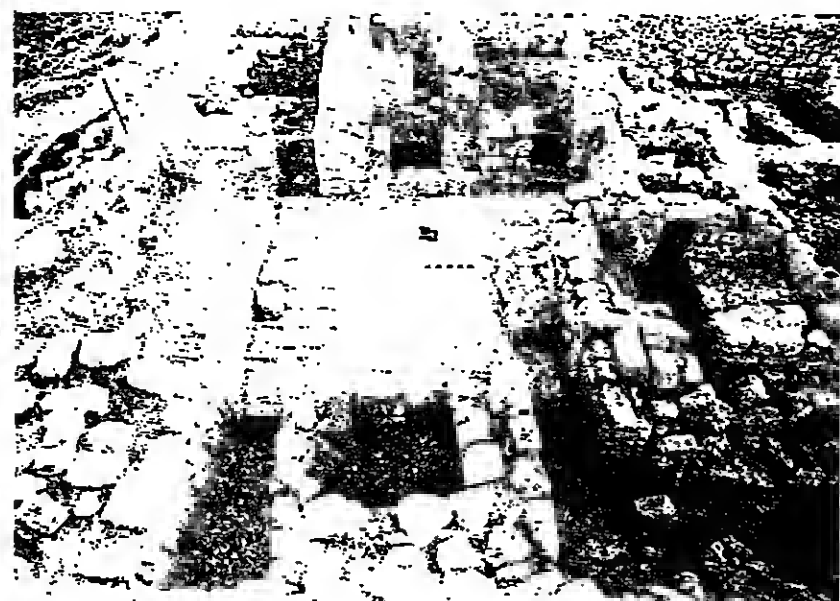
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12. Seat in church
13. Land measure
14. Emeritus
15. Spigot
16. Peace goddess
17. Copperfield's wife
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Prince Ra'ad Zaid Hussein came frequently to Tall Hesban to assist with the excavation. He is shown here in a cistern located on the south-west slope of the mound. This installation is 6 1/2 metres deep.



A view of the Mamluk remains on the acropolis. In the centre is a large paved courtyard to the right of which a bath complex is located with hallways, doorways, and rooms. At the top and bottom can be seen doorways, rooms, and hallways associated with the courtyard.



This is an overview of the Byzantine church excavated at Tall Hesban. Looking east, the column bases and capitals are visible, as is the apse of the church in the photo's upper right. The Department of Antiquities is undertaking restoration of the structure.

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West German protestors turned back at Berlin Wall

EST BERLIN, Aug. 13, (R). — Leading politicians, including governing Mayor Klaus Schuetz, laid wreaths at the memorial to victims of Stalinism to commemorate those killed at the wall.

On the eastern side, where about 70 people have been killed while attempting to flee to West Berlin, life went on as normal.

Members of the East German "fighting groups," which helped line the border 15 years ago as work began of the wall, organised a parade on the broad Karl Marx Allee to mark the construction of the "anti-fascist protective wall."

The official East German press defended the building of the wall and said it was still indispensable to "peaceful coexistence."

There were reports of increased East German police activity along the 110-mile main transit route separating West Germany with West Berlin.

more die in Rhodesia

LISBURY, Aug. 13, (R). — Eight people, including a white internal security minister, have been killed in Rhodesia's guerrilla war in the past two days, an official communiqué said today.

The communiqué named the official as district officer Johnped Hudson-Beck, 23, it gave no details, but said he was stationed in Melsetter, in south-eastern Rhodesia.

Five more African nationalist guerrillas have been killed, bringing the number of guerrilla deaths to 1,866 since the war started in December 1972.

An African man was shot and killed by security forces while attempting to escape from custody, communiqué said.

An African school official was killed to death by guerrillas.

The Vila Salazar border post and ice camp in south-eastern Rhodesia was again the target of guerrilla attacks, the communiqué said, buildings were damaged but there were no casualties.

Ozone detected on Mars

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 — Ozone has been detected in the atmosphere of Mars in sightings by powerful telescopes, the U.S. National Administration (NOAA) said today.

It said the ozone was detected through its effect on the ultraviolet light from the black atmosphere. Activity was recorded showing that oxygen molecules were behaving exactly the same way as when earth's atmosphere ozone decomposed by sunlight.

A space probe to Mars in 1971 discovered ozone but it was impossible at the time to determine precisely whether it was in gas form or contained in the planet's polar ice.

The current Viking probes cannot be used to test for ozone because they are not equipped with the necessary instruments.

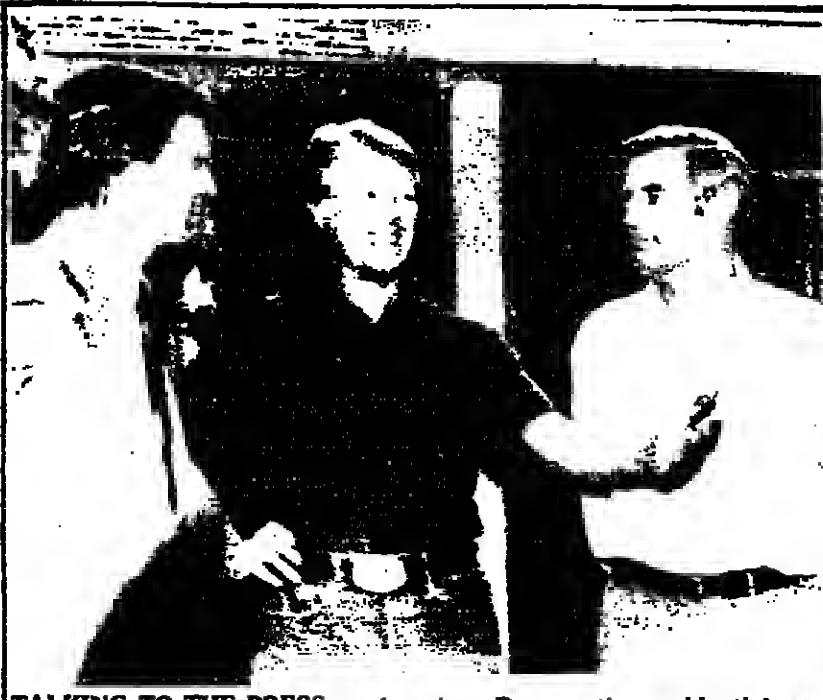
LONDON MARKET REPORT

The stock exchange spent a quiet but uneasy day this Friday as the pound sterling continued to retreat on foreign exchanges.

Small gains, in part prompted by news of a further reduction in the annual rate of inflation in July, were not held as the announcement came late in the afternoon of some gloomy trade figures. Gilts, which edged up a 1/4 to 3/16 of a point eventually returned to their night levels. Industrials ended the day slightly easier in places with such as I.C.I., Beecham, and Unilever losing earlier rises of two pence. At the close the F.T. index was down 0.9 points to 74.4.

Reduced power orders meanwhile upset companies such as Babcock and Wilcox, Reynolds Parson's and Clark Chapman. Construction was also retreated with Costain, Laing and Wimpey. Banks on the other hand improved although Hong Kong and Shanghai eased slightly. Francs were trimmed by a few small selling orders. Meanwhile, in Shell recovered a little on press comment but Ultramar continued to slide in the wake of yesterday's poor interim results.

Mining shares remained dampened by concern over the South Africa situation. Elsewhere rubbers, including Highlands, edged higher, and teas remained steady. Jardine Matheson and Honda were steady.



TALKING TO THE PRESS — American Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter gestures to newsmen in Plains, Georgia during his meeting with California Governor Jerry Brown (left) and his running mate Walter Mondale. (AP wirephoto).

China political squabbles erupt on street posters

PEKING, Aug. 13, (AFP). — While the people of Hubei province are actively participating in relief operations following the devastating earthquake of a fortnight ago, the residents of other provinces are continuing poster campaigns against local figures said to be connected with disgraced Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

Travellers who returned here recently from the provinces said they had seen posters violently attacking certain local leaders.

In Chengchow, the capital of Hubei Province, the First Secretary of the Party Committee in the province Liu Chien-hsun was accused of "twisting and turning" and of being a "capitalist roader."

The town's Revolutionary Committee Chairman Chang Chung-ching has been accused of provoking a "counter-revolutionary incident," — no details of which were given — and of having spread "counter revolutionary rumours."

In Changsha, capital of the southern Hunan province, several members of the provincial party committee have been accused in posters and slogans of being representatives of the "revisionist Teng Hsiao-ping line" and of having used "counter revolutionary violence" and "terror" against the masses.

Chang Ping-bua the leading member of the committee was especially singled out for attack, while a secretary on the same committee had been accused of having had "close relations" with Lin Pao-shu, the elder sister of the late Defence Minister Marshal Lin Biao who was said to have mounted a coup against Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

According to the posters the secretary, Li Chen-chun, said of Lin Pao-shu: "Of course I have visited her several times and I wish I had visited her more often even. I had no fear of bombardments by U.S. imperialism and the Chiang Kai Shek clique. Why then should I be afraid of wall posters?"

In Wuhan, capital of Hupei, the first secretary of the provincial party committee has been accused in posters of being a supporter of Teng Hsiao-ping and a "capitalist roader."

The travellers, who are completely reliable, said that in several provincial towns big-character posters had questioned the reasoning of "Directive Number 12" issued by the Party's Central Committee this year.

According to the posters, the directive was "not better" than last year's.

The heading of one poster read:

"Directive Number 12 goes Against Party Policy." Reliable sources here said the directive could be connected with difficulties that allegedly cropped up earlier this year in the field of rail transport.

In Changsha, many posters have been put up around the railway station describing transport minister Wang Li as a "supporter of Teng Hsiao-ping" and a "right deviationist."

Observers here recalled that similar attacks on local or even central leaders had not meant in the past that their positions were immediately threatened or that the central authorities of the party supported such attacks.

A few weeks ago the Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Revolutionary Committee, Peng Chung, who is also first secretary of the party in the province, was attacked in the provincial capital of Nanking for having "emasculated" certain directives issued by the central committee and for having failed to open an "in-depth inquiry" into a "counterrevolutionary incident" in Nanking. No details of the incident were given.

In Shanghai, the travellers said, there was no political poster campaign at the moment and the city appeared to be busy with relief operations for the victims of the earthquake that hit Tang Shan region over a fortnight ago.

In several factories and colleges, posters have been seen expressing the "firm resolution" of the masses to help the people in the disaster areas and in some factories up to 10 per cent of the workers have been assigned to tasks directly involved with aid for Tang Shan.

Meanwhile, Chinese sources said the millions of Peking people still camping out on the streets had been told they could start to return to their homes at the beginning of next week, if their buildings had not been damaged by the July 28 earthquake.

Speculation on revaluation of D. mark sweeps nervous Euro money markets

PARIS, Aug. 13, (AFP). — Renewed speculation on the revaluation of the Deutsche mark inside the European "snake" today sharply strained the collective float and put further pressure on the French franc.

Rumours of a weekend adjustment of parities by the five European Economic Community countries still taking part in the "snake" swept nervous foreign exchange markets and prompted heavy demand for mark.

Operators also sought shelter by buying Swiss currency, pushing it up further.

Despite official denials in Brussels and Bonn of reports that finance ministers of the "snake" countries — West Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg and the Netherlands — would be meeting this weekend, Frankfurt and Zurich bankers remained convinced that a change of parities between the mark and the other four currencies is inevitable.

Unofficial reports said the West German Central Bank had to scoop in nearly 1,000 million marks (about \$250 million) worth of "snake" money to defend the present parities.

The Belgian Central Bank, which sought to calm the market by officially denying the rumours of adjustments, later moved to defend the Belgian franc's relationship with the mark by raising its discount rate by a full point to nine per cent.

The Dutch Central Bank later followed suit by announcing an increase in its rate from 5.5 to 6.5 per cent.

With general elections ahead in West Germany, the Bonn government is not prepared to make the sacrifice of a revaluation of the mark against its partners in the "snake" — which also include the "associated" currencies of Norway and Sweden.

Frankfurt bankers today again predicted a devaluation of the weaker currencies in the joint float, in particular the Belgian franc. Their colleagues in Zurich thought the solution might be a slight revaluation of the mark coupled with differentiated downward adjustments of the other EEC currencies in the "snake."

They said this might pave the way for a return into the system of the French franc, which was temporarily withdrawn from the "snake" on March 15 following speculative pressures. In the view of these experts, a realignment would help to reduce the current attacks against the French currency.

The French franc was considered by Paris dealers to be a victim

Death, scavengers in Tal Al-Zaatar



SHORT ON GASOLINE — Guns of the Mujahidoun group in Beirut use bicycles instead of jeeps to reach frontline positions amid gasoline shortages in the Lebanese capital. (AP wirephoto).

[Continued from page 1] hostile enclaves in rightist-held east Beirut. "We have broken the back of the resistance," he said.

Mr. Chamoun said the war here was now becoming a struggle between international communism, using the Palestinian Organisation as its base, and the rightwing on the other.

He added that 400 Algerians had arrived today by ship at Sidon, a leftist-held port in south Lebanon, and the leftists were receiving 450 tons of ammunition a week.

Mr. Jumblatt, the leftist leader, said at a press conference that leftist and Palestinian forces would need much "determination, vigilance and resistance," whether at the political or military level.

"For that, it is necessary to pass to the stage of the people's liberation war and to reinforce our military capacities, notably by imposing compulsory military training for everyone, whether in the towns, villages or mountains," he commented. "We are determined to wage the liberation struggle until victory."

Mr. Jumblatt said a "racist Maronite national homeland" was being born on a greater part of Lebanese territory the first stage in a Zionist plot aimed at creating denominational and racist mini-states in the region.

Mr. Jumblatt also said Iraq had contributed nearly three million dollars to the Lebanese leftist movement, and again called on the Arab League to reinforce its peace-keeping contingent in Lebanon, about his view of Lebanon's future, emphasised that as far as he was concerned, the Palestinians should have no part in Lebanon's government.

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Mr. Bashir Gemayel, a son of rightwing Phalangist Party chief Pierre Gemayel, said the rightists had had to capture Tal Al-Zaatar because it had become a centre of international terrorism and a mini-state which the Lebanese authorities could not control.

Mr. Gemayel told reporters that the camp occupied a strategic position dominating the main road from east Beirut to other areas controlled by the rightists.

Tal Al-Zaatar had also been an important industrial area, with some 100,000 workers — including cheap Palestinian labour — employed in factories which accounted for 40 per cent of the nation's industry, Mr. Gemayel added.

He accused the Palestinian leadership of deliberately prolonging the siege to obtain extra support from Arab countries, and of having exploited the people inside the camp.

Asked about alleged massacres of Palestinians yesterday during the chaotic exodus from the defeated enclave, Mr. Gemayel replied, "this could have happened." But he would not go into detail.

He said the rightists had wanted the entire camp to be evacuated but the Palestinian leadership had refused.

Three convoys of wounded had left under International Red Cross auspices but the following day the Palestinian leaders had forbidden the Red Cross to continue the operation, he claimed.

On the future of the camp, Dany Chamoun said the whole area would be razed by bulldozers. Mr. Gemayel said that "Tal Al-Zaatar will not exist any more on the map."

"We will try our best to help the Palestinians to establish themselves anywhere else," he added, "But we will not allow them to establish a belt round Beirut, as they had before."

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British trade deficit hits record figure

LONDON, Aug. 13, (AFP). — Britain's trade deficit rose to a record 394 million pounds in July, it was officially announced here today.

This compared with a 234 million deficit in June.

The nervous pound sterling and the stock market immediately lost some ground.

There was more encouraging news on the battle against inflation, with prices showing only a small rise in July.

Whitehall officials attributed the poor trading performance to a freak coincidence of events. Two unusual factors were the import of North Sea oil installations totalling £111 million, and a five per cent decline in exports.

The drop in exports was a surprise because the Labour government has been pointing to a stronger all-round export performance by Britain in recent months.

The Department of Trade said the five per cent decline in July was "almost certainly a random fluctuation around a rising trend." It said the fall might have been partly caused by the heatwave last month's heatwave.

West Bankers will not be appeased, strike will go on

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to create job opportunities for people hit by the squeeze and had set a number of projects in motion, the Hebron mayor said. Furthermore, volunteers were tackling municipality projects for which funds are not available. He gave the example of a street built in Hebron by young men from Ramallah and another built in the town by the inhabitants themselves. Cooperation of this sort was now going on between different towns in the West Bank, such as Tul Karm, Jenin and Hebron.

At the same time all the councillors complained of Israeli provocations against the occupied territory, including the requisitioning of 200 acres (80 hectares) at Beit Jalla near Bethlehem.

"We sent a telegram to (Israeli Defence Minister) Shimon Peres, so he should be fully aware we will not agree to their taking from us one square centimetre whether through force or money," Mr. Qawasme said.

All the councillors suggested that Israel's present policy towards the occupied territories was connected with the situation in Lebanon. "After throwing oil on the fire for years, Israel thinks it can now pull the chestnuts out of it," one commented.

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